

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An information input and output device for communicating information with an information recording unit of a card, comprising:

a card support unit ~~that includes~~ including a card support surface for sliding the card while supporting the card from one surface side;

a card end unit ~~that includes~~ including a card end surface provided to protrude from the card support surface; and

an input and output executing unit ~~that is arranged~~ positioned to face the information recording unit of the card when the card is slid on the card support surface while abutting the card against the card end surface, and ~~that executes~~ configured to execute at least one of reading of the information from the information recording unit and writing of the information to the information recording unit.

Claim 2 (original): The information input and output device according to claim 1, wherein the card support surface extends horizontally.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The information input and output device according to claim 2, wherein the card end unit is ~~arranged~~ positioned in a back portion of the card support surface, and the card end surface extends in a right-left direction from a viewpoint of a user who uses the information input and output device.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The information input and output device according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 ~~[[to 3]]~~, wherein the card end surface exceeds an edge of the card support surface

and extends toward a rear surface side of the card support surface in a portion of an intersection between the card support surface and the card end surface.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The information input and output device according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 [[to 4]], wherein the card support surface ~~eonsists of~~ has a translucent material, and the input and output executing unit is ~~arranged~~ positioned to face the card information recording unit from a rear surface side of the card support unit.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The information input and output device according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 [[to 5]], wherein the card support surface ~~eonsists of~~ has a methacrylic resin.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The information input and output device according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 [[to 5]], wherein the card support surface ~~eonsists of~~ has a methacrylic resin having an antistatic property of 0.1 seconds or less in a testing method specified in JIS L-1094.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The information input and output device according to claim 7, wherein an acrylic resin ~~that constitutes~~ in the card support surface has a surface hardness corresponding to a pencil hardness equal to or higher than five H, the pencil hardness being specified in JIS D-0202.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A game machine having the information input and output device according to ~~any one of claims~~ claim 1 [[to 9]] provided [[to]] at an operation panel unit.

Claim 10 (currently amended): An information input and output device for communicating information with an information recording unit of a card, comprising:

a card support unit ~~that includes~~ including a card support surface for sliding the card while supporting the card from one surface side; and

an input and output executing unit ~~that executes~~ configured to execute at least one of reading of the information from the information recording unit of the card sliding across the card support

surface and writing of the information to the information recording unit of the card sliding across the card support surface, wherein

the card support surface ~~consists of~~ has a methacrylic resin having an antistatic property of 0.1 seconds or less in a testing method specified by JIS L-1094.

Claim 11 (original): The information input and output device according to claim 10, wherein the acrylic resin that constitutes in the card support surface has a surface hardness corresponding to a pencil hardness equal to or higher than five H, pencil hardness being specified in JIS D-0202.